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Charts, graphs, assessments, and grades claim to provide adequate information on tracking student failure. They are the gods of modern educational judgment. They are the reasons used to either withhold or increase educational funding, to hire or fire administrators and teachers, to explain why students are "struggling". But in reality, they are artificial methods designed to please the politically correct people that hold the power in this state.

You want to know the truth? You want why students fail? Students fail because our society has made the unfortunate mistake of telling our next generation of Americans that there is no such thing as failure. That everyone gets a trophy. That everyone gets a second chance. That everyone, with the right mix of skill and effort, can accomplish the "American Dream". This is a lie fabricated to please the insecure, lazy, and excuse-driven parents and kids that blame their problems on someone or something other than themselves.

Now I am a teacher because I want to make people better. I strive to be number one not to brag but because it's my duty. I owe this to God, family, and society for as long as I live no matter how unfortunate my situation becomes in this life.

Part of being a parent, teacher, and coach is to tell kids they failed. Parents ground kids. Coaches can bench players. Government and business leaders can fire employees. But teachers? Nothing. Just a pink slip, a word of criticism, and maybe a